

PERSPECTIVES OF FORMER WATER BOARD MEMBERS



John B. Withers

Mr. Withers, of Irvine, was appointed to the Irvine Ranch Water District Board of Directors in 1989 to fill a vacancy and has been subsequently re-elected to serve on the board three times. He served as President of the Board in 2004.

Mr. Withers serves on the Engineering and Operations Committee as well as various Ad Hoc Committees.

Mr. Withers is an associate with California Strategies in Irvine, a strategic government relations firm. In past positions, he has served as a Senior Project Manager for Lewis Operating Corporation and as Director of Water Resources for Psomas & Associates, a civil engineering and planning firm based in Costa Mesa. He has served as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Orange County Region of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, and as a legislative advocate for California Building Industry Association in Sacramento.

Mr. Withers has served as Commissioner to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission since 1995. He also served as the chairman of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, having been appointed by the Governor in 1992. Mr. Withers is also a Board Member of the National Water Research Institute. A native Southern Californian, Mr. Withers received his B.A. from UCLA in economics with a specialization in urban studies in 1979. He was then selected as a CORO Foundation Fellow and received a master's degree in urban studies from Occidental College in 1988.

Community activities include membership in the UCLA Alumni Association, youth sports and Mariners Church.

A resident of Irvine since 1984, Mr. Withers and his wife Katie live in Turtle Rock. They have three children, Carolyn, Gordon, and Peter.